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Dear Sir,

Perhaps I ought to apologise for not having sooner acknowledged the safe arrival of the box of plants you sent me in the fall. They were some time on the way, but the plants were all in good order, and with the exception of one Erica and all the Verbenas are alive and doing well in the Green House of my friend Mr B. Woodward. Much has been the growth of the place, and the taste for the cultivation of flowers ^{is such} that we now have a public garden with a green-house, in which many of the common house plants are cultivated: and instead of putting the tender plants you sent into a cellar I have made arrangements to have them properly taken care of in pots in the greenhouse. As you have not yet been supplied with all the plants you wanted from here I shall endeavour to send some more next year, and pack them still more to your satisfaction.

I hope you will be able to save what I have already sent, and that they

will prove interesting to yourself and your correspondents.

I had a short visit from your friend Mr Fickerman during the summer, about the only botanist I have met with at Milwaukee; but I am just informed that ^{Dr. Wunderly} a young German botanist a friend of Prof A. Braun is about to locate here, and if he proves to be a good observer of nature I shall be very glad that he has selected Wisconsin for his future home. Should you meet Mr D. and think of it please ask him to send me a copy of his pamphlet on the Carices.

Yours truly
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